

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. MBHB00-422)

In the Application of:

Yan *et al*

Serial No. 09/619,198

Filed: July 19, 2000

For: VGF Polypeptides and Methods
of Treating VGF-Related
DisordersBefore the Action:
R. Hayes

Group Art Unit: 1647

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

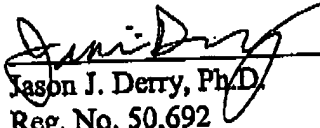
Sir:

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Advisory Action mailed January 29, 2003. A check covering the requisite amount of \$930.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1), is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,
McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & BerghoffDated: April 21, 2003

By:


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